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- 1. WHILE WE RECOGNIZE THAT PDC/ASHA IS FOLLOWING THE SITUATION DIRECTLY AND THE EMBASSY IS NOT RPT NOT MONITORING THE GRANT TO THE CLINICA MOSCATI, WE BELIEVE THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE FROM THE COMMUNIST NEWSPAPER UNITA OF APRIL 18 MAY BE OF INTEREST.
- 2. HEADLINE: AN AGREEMENT IS REACHED FOR THE MOSCATI CLINIC. BEGIN TEXT THE DISPUTE OVER THE MOSCATI CLINIC HAS BEEN RESOLVED. THE OWNERS OF THE CLINIC, WHO GAVE AN ULTIMATUM TO THE REGIONAL ADMINISTRATION EITHER TO MERGE WITH THE GEMELLI POLYCLINIC OR SHUT DOWN COMPLETELY, HAVE ACCEPTED AN AGREEMENT FOR THE TERM OF ONE YEAR SO THAT EMPLOYMENT WILL BE ASSURED FOR ALL 350 WORKERS. THE DAILY RATE THAT THE REGIONAL ADMINISTRATION WILL PAY, DECIDED ON THE BASIS OF AVAILABLE DATA ON REAL COSTS, IS 48,709 LIRE FOR EACH PATIENT PER DAY.

THE AGREEMENT THEREFORE WAS REACHED ON THE BASIS OF THE PROPOSAL PRESENTED SOMETIME AGO BY THE HEALTH COMMISSIONER, UNCLASSIFIED

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THAT IS A SPECIAL PACT WHICH RECOGNIZED THE OPERATIONAL LEVEL OF THE CLINIC AND THE PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATION OF THE PERSONNEL. THE DAILY RATE OF 48,000 LIRE IS HOWEVER WELL BELOW THE RATE THAT THE CLINIC HAD IN MIND TO OBTAIN BY MERGING WITH THE POLYCLINIC GEMELLI.

DURING THE MEETING WITH THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EMPLOYEES

UNIONS OF THE MOSCATI CLINIC, THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH,

GIOVANNI RANALLI, EXPLAINED THE AGREEMENT REACHED BETWEEN THE REGION AND THE OWNERS OF THE CLINIC. THE CLINIC'S EMPLOYEES HAVE RECOGNIZED THE COMMITMENT OF THE REGIONAL ADMINISTRATION TO THE TIMELY AND CONCRETE SOLUTION OF A PROBLEM THAT WAS ABOUT TO BECOME DRAMATIC.

IN THE REUNION HELD YESTERDAY AT THE REGION'S HEADQUARTERS, THE REGIONAL ADMINISTRATION APPROVED THE AGREEMENT ADJUSTED TO THE AVERAGE COSTS BORNE BY THE MANAGEMENT OF THE CLINIC MOSCATI, WHICH BRINGS THE RATE, AS WE SAID, TO 48,709 LIRE PER PATIENT. END TEXT. GARDNER

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